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In re application of

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Application No. NEW NATIONAL PHASE Group

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PROTEIN CRYSTAL COMPRISING THE PROCESSIVITY CLAMP FACTOR OF DNA
POLYMERASE AND A LIGAND, AND ITS USES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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December 21, 2005

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.